GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:83
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COAL MINES
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of coal mines in operation in the country at present, State-wise and public/private sector-wise;

(b) the number of mines not being worked by the Coal Industry at present, State-wise; (

(c) the reasons therefor;

(d) the number of coal mines closed down during the last three years and till date, State-wise;

(e) whether the Government propose to sale these unviable coal mines;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and
(g) if not, the plan formulated by the Government to make these mines viable?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

Ans. (a) to (g). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in parts (a) to (g) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No.83 for 27.2.2001 by Shri Ram Tahal Chaudhary and Shri P.Rajendran regarding coal mines.

(a) The number of coal mines in operation in the country, at present. State-wise and public/private sector-wise is as follows:-

S.N	State	Number of operational coal mines		Total
		Public sector	Private sector	
1.	Andhra Pradesh	67	-	67
2.	Assam	06	-	06
3.	Chattisgarh	58	01	59
4.	Jharkhand	170	07	177
5.	Jammu Kashmir	03	-	03
6.	Madhya Pradesh	78	-	78
7	Meghalaya	01	-	01
8.	Maharashtra	51	-	51
9.	Orissa	22	-	22
10.	Uttar Padesh	04	-	04
11	West Bengal	102	01	103
Total		562	09	571

(b) The number of mines not being worked by the Coal Industry at present, State-wise is as follows:-

S.No	State	Number of coal mines not being worked.
1.	Chattisgarh	11
2.	Jharkhand	40
3.	Madhya Pradesh	36
4.	Maharashtra	16
5.	West Bengal	58
6.	Andhra Pradesh	33
Total		194

(c) The major reasons for the coal mines not being worked by the coal industry, at present are as follows :-
i) exhaustion of resources;
ii) adverse geo-mining conditions,;
iii) incidents of fire;
iv) unsafe mining conditions;
v) inundation;
vi) general techno-economic unviability.

(d) The number of coal mines closed by Coal India Limited and Singareni Collieries Company Limited during the last three years and till date are as follows:-

Sl.No	Name of the State	Number of Mines closed during the last three years 1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-01 (Till February, 2001
1.	Andhra Pradesh	-	2	2	3
2.	Chattisgarh	2	-	1	-
3.	Jharkhand	1	5	1	-
4.	Madhya Pradesh	3	6	5	1
5.	Maharashtra	1	-	-	-
6	West Bengal	1	4	1	-
Total		8	17	10	4

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise in view of answer given in part (e) of the Question above.

(g) It will not be possible to re-open the closed mines for reasons stated in answer to part (c) of the Question above. Therefore, the question of viability/non-viability of these mines does not arise. Consequently, there is no plan formulated by the Government to make these closed mines viable.

ABBREVIATIONS

1.	O.C.	Opencast
2.	U.G	underground
3.	ECL	Eastern Coalfields Limited
4.	BCCL	Bharat Coking Coal Limited
5.	CCL	Central Coalfields Limited
6.	NCL	Northern Coalfields Limited
7	WCL	Western Coalfields Limited
8.	SECL	South Eastern Coalfields Limited
9.	MCL	Mahanadi Coalfields Limited
10.	NEC	North Eastern Coalfields Limited
11.	SCCL	Singareni Collieries Company Limited
12.	BSMDCL	Bihar State Mineral Development Corporation Limited
13.	DVC	Damodar Valley Corporation
14.	IISCO	Indian Iron & Steel Company Limited
15.	JKML	Jammu & Kashmir Minerals Limited
16.	BECML	Bengal Emta Coal Mines Limited
17.	JSPL	Jindal Steel & Power Limited
18.	TISCO	Tata Iron & Steel Company Limited